



Shenandoah Valley Wings



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Chapter Director

Well, we are getting a little closer to spring and warmer weather and guys don't forget the 14th, Valentine's Day. I find that flowers and a big gift works and for you lady's, Blue Ridge Powersports have many gift cards in stock.

On the 18th Dave Burgess and I went to the VA Directors meeting. Dave got all of our IRS paperwork completed and filed. We had a good meeting with all the other Chapter Directors that attended.

Virginia District would like the chapters to work on their membership and rider education this year.

We had our staff meeting on Saturday 25th and we put together the day ride dates and dinner ride dates, as you can see in Les's report. Also, we are planning on one or two overnight trips this year. If there is a ride that you would like to do, just let Les know.

If you are in need of a new Chapter flag for your bike Tom Steencken will be taking orders. Work has also started on our fundraiser on May 3rd. If you have any thoughts about what we can do feel free to let us know. At the next meeting Pam will have order blanks for everyone who wants to order new chapter shirts. All

the shirts are the micro-fiber fabric. There are long sleeve, \$30.00 and short sleeve, \$28.00 Polo Shirts. The T-Shirts are \$21.00 for long sleeve and \$16.00 for the short sleeve. The prices includes name, logo and title.



Pam and I are going over to Charlottesville for the Wingless Weekend on February 14th and 15th. We should have a more complete schedule of the events for each day by the next meeting. We hope to see some of you folks there.

I've included a picture to give you warm thoughts with all the frigid temperature that we have been having.

Tim & Pam



Rider Education

CLUNKING GEARS

In the January 2014 issue of WING WORLD a reader complained of his 2006 GL 1800 Gold Wing, with a Champion Trike Kit, clunking when he shifts from first gear into second. I became interested because I experience the same thing. Reading on, Stu Oltman, the author of “Technical questions and Answers” article on page 18 cleared up the mystery.

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“This often occurs when folks shift in distinct steps—rolling the throttle off first, followed by squeezing the clutch lever, followed with upward pressure on the shift pedal and finally releasing the clutch lever. The first three steps should be accomplished smoothly and in one swift motion. In fact it is best not to roll off the throttle completely, just ease up pressure on it during the shift. If the “clunk” happens as the clutch lever is let out rather than as the shift pedal is moved upward, that could indicate incomplete engagement of the second gear until a load is placed on the gears. In that case be sure you’re moving the shift pedal through its full travel before releasing the clutch lever.”

This technical explanation of the shifting process was first explained to me by my husband Carl...over and over...and over! I’m getting better but with the hot weather last summer and



the cold winter we are experiencing now, I expect I will have to do a lot of practicing this spring before I get that smooth in one swift motion down. I am willing to practice, just waiting for good weather.

While waiting for good riding weather check out your bikes using the “T CLOCK” system. Look for the T CLOCK system brochure in the rack at our next meeting. Tire pressure will be low due to the cold weather so check before riding.

Carl and Ann Hogshead
Rider Educators



Ride Coordinator

Hello Friends

Looking outside today at the ground and thermometers, hard to believe that soon we will be hitting the road again “en masse” once again. Things are shaping up, a schedule is evolving, opportunities are showing themselves, the roads are calling. Yesterday we had a chapter staff meeting and so now I get to share some news.

To start, I’ll just say that we had a really nice turn out for “The Log Cabin” on Jan. 18th in spite of the frigid temps and ice ... and now we have set some more Dinner Rides (aka: “dinner meets”) on the schedule. February 8th there’s one @ “Ciro’s” on Rt 33 towards Elkton, note the time is 4:00 PM! Then, March 22nd we meet at “Chauncey’s Smokehouse” in Waynesboro and then April 12th, we return to “Momma Mia’s” in Shenandoah both @ 5:00 PM (as most all will be).

Speaking of dinners, don’t forget about VA-F’s “Crazy Supper” February 22nd as if you are going, you need to pre-register by the 15th per the flyer.

In the January 2014 newsletter I detailed the March 8th ride for the “Highland Maple Festival”, no changes, so I’ll see y’all at Tastee Freeze at Churchville @ Rt 42 & 250 and we’ll head west as planned.

You all know that our regular Chapter Meetings are the first Sunday of each month, no change there but through out the year starting March , we plan to schedule a “VA-R Ride Day” on the second Saturday afterwards (13 days later). That’s is a day so you can mark on each month, some months that day will coincide with a long planned ride, some months if we don’t have a long planned ride, we’ll meet at a designated time / place and decide then, based on weather, etc where to go. If it’s raining buckets and no one shows, no decision is needed.

March 15th would fall on that “second Saturday after meeting day”, but we have a ride planned already, to VA-K’s “Chili Cookoff” at the Vinton War Memorial. First meeting place is Blue Ridge Powersports to leave there @ 9:00 AM, then to ride south to Fairfield and the Shell station @ Exit 200 where the southern group will gather, we’ll leave there at 10:00 AM (when everyone is back on their ride) and head south from there on Rt 11.

April 19th is the “VA-R Ride Day” for April, and April 2014 Chapter VA-R will be 17 years of age in it’s current incarnation so we’ll try to come up with something special for that.



Check out the schedule, watch it, and we’ll see you soon. Until then, get them bikes & trikes & gear ready and Stay Safe

Les & Diana

VA-R Calendar

February 2014

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| 1 | Sat | VA-I Anniversary Party 5-9:00 PM at the Columbus Grill, Route 28 Manassas Park, prepay with VA-I by Jan 22 |
| 2 | Sun | VA-R Meeting @ 3:00 PM |
| 8 | Sat | Dinner Ride @ “Ciros” @ McGaheysville, 4:00 PM |
| 14-15 | Fri/Sat | VA District “Wingless Weekend” (A Looney Tooney Weekend) @ Holiday Inn University & Conference Center, Charlottesville |
| 22 | Sat | VA-R Staff Meeting |
| 22 | Sat | VA-F “Crazy Supper” at Gore Fire Dept (Rt 50 west of Winchester) to benefit Camp Fantastic, doors open 4:00 PM, eat 5:30 PM, Pre-register by Feb 15th, limited to 200, seats \$5.00 each. George Tincher (540)303-2223 or flyer |

March 2014

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| 2 | Sun | VA-R Meeting @ 3:00 PM |
| 8 | Sat | VA-R “Highland Maple Festival” Ride, 1st group leave Blue Ridge Powersports 9:30 AM to meet the rest to leave Churchville Tastee Freeze 10:15 AM |
| 15 | Sat | VA-R Ride / VA-K “Chili Cook Off” @ Vinton War Memorial. (10:00 AM - 3:00 AM), meet to leave from Blue Ridge Powersports at 9:00 AM, meet others at Shell station, I-81 at Exit 200 Fairfield to leave at 10:00 AM. |
| 22 | Sat | Dinner Ride “Chauncey’s” @ Waynesboro, 5:00 PM |
| 29 | Sat | VA-R Staff Meeting |

April 2014

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| 6 | Sun | VA-R Meeting @ 3:00 PM |
| 12 | Sat | Dinner Ride “Momma Mias” @ Shenandoah, 5:00 PM |
| 19 | Sat | VA-R Ride / ??? VA-R 17 years young! |
| 26 | Sat | VA-R Staff Meeting |

Chapter Events

Log Cabin Dinner Ride



Photos by Les Warren

Chapter Celebrations



Anniversaries

None!!

What? No one gets married in the cold?



Birthdays

February

Cathy Gassman	02/06
Bob Hudson	02/08
Tim Harrison	02/18
Dwane Maust	02/19
Ryan Zerkel	02/20
Garnet Stevens	02/26
Lois High	02/27

Classifieds

For Sale: Pair Large Gerbings heated gloves - \$75;
Pair of Large Gerbings heated socks - \$45;
Large 50/36 Gerbings heated jacket - \$100 (\$200 for all three.)

Show Chrome vertical receiver hitch for GL1800 - \$100,
Hartco Thin Passenger Back rest - \$150 (originally \$260 – used one season), HJC Helmet, silver with sun visor, size Medium - \$50.

Contact Burton Buller at 540-421-0074.

For Sale: Chapter “R” antenna flags \$14.00 ea. Call Tom Steencken home 540-248-4049 or email wingsn-sails@gmail.com

Services: Anyone wanting their bikes or trikes cleaned and detailed? Mobile detailing available. Please call John Fultz at (540) 290-5708(C) or (540)221-2596 (H)

For Sale: I have the following items that I will sell at a substantially reduced price:

Honda Service Manual for 1980-83 Gold Wing--Cost \$42.00, sell for \$25.00

Caliper rebuild kit for BOTH front calipers 83 GL1100--Cost \$47.00, sell for \$25.00

Oil Filter for 83 GL1100--Cost \$9.95, sell for \$5.00,

Complete Fork rebuild kit for both forks 83 GL1100--Cost \$65.00, sell for \$45.00. Or, will sell all as package deal for \$75.00/\$10.00 shipping. Service manual slightly used all other parts new in box. Contact Randy Ryman 540-810-5084 cell or email rryman46@yahoo.com

Wanted: A reasonable priced light weight pull behind motorcycle trailer to pull with my Bike-I DO NOT need a trailer to put the bike on--call John Hanger 540-480-0733. Call 540-442-7777



GWRRA Chapter K



Chili Cookoff



SATURDAY 15th MARCH 2014
10:00 – 3:00

All-you-can-eat Chili, desert and drinks

Admission: \$7.00 / \$12.00 per Couple

\$4.00 for kids 12 and under

Baked Potatoes w/ fixings - \$1.00 (Limited number)

Prizes for Best Chili – Hot and Mild

50 / 50 Beango Door Prizes and More!

Swap Meet (Motorcycle items)



Location:

Vinton Senior Citizens Building
820 E Washington Street, Vinton, VA

Directions:

581 to 460E to RIGHT on GUS NICKS BLVD,
Approx ½ mile past 2nd LIGHT
Left into VINTON WAR MEMORIAL

Contact:

Bob & Betty Karnes

VA-K Chapter Directors

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From the District Director



Dennis & Kristen Weston
Virginia District Directors

I am sitting here writing this article when I know I should be out riding my GoldWing. We started our year with a nice ride down to a eatery in North Carolina, 6 bikes in all. We were expecting cold weather but it turned out to be a pretty nice day, not too cold and not too hot. Which reminds me, remember all you folks that has Gerbing heated gear, check it out, look at the wiring to your controllers, and plug everything in and make sure it works ok before you put it away, the best time to send it in for repairs is during the spring and summer, don't wait till you need it next winter.

This year is going to be a fantastic year. We have had a lot of change over within many of the chapters in the past couple months and I am excited. Not because of the change of personnel but because of the new ideas and the new challenges that will be brought to

each of these chapters. This for me is perfect timing. My focus last year was on visitation, and we had lots of folks getting out and visiting, I saw quite a few people out at events and social gatherings that I hadn't seen in years. I hope to see even more this year. This year our focus will be on Membership Enhancement. The District Team will focus more on encouraging recruiting and retention, Chapter of the Year, Couple of the Year and Newsletters.

Membership Enhancement is a very important part of GWRRA because it encompasses much of what GWRRA is about. Going out and recruiting members into a great organization, and of course keeping them and the members we have. Rewarding great couples with Couple of the Year, these are the ambassadors of our Chapters to the worlds outside GWRRA. Letting each Chapter in our District and the outside know who we are with the Chapter Newsletter and recognizing our fine Chapters and their accomplishments through the Chapter of the Year program, are also aspects of Membership enhancement.

Wingless Weekend is coming up in February, grab a registration form from your Chapter Director, your newsletter or the District Website. Fill it out, send it in and register for some fun!

This year we are holding the event in Charlottesville, VA at the University Holiday Inn. This is a new venue with a historical area, Jefferson's home "Monticello", and a Mall across the street. We are offering CPR class, Leadership and MEPC courses, and of course some games and lots of fun. The theme this year is Looney Tooney Weekend. So come on out 14- 15 February and share in the fun.

We look forward to seeing you there. Let's have a great year and remember what it was like when you first joined GWRRA....Pass it on.

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GRAS SUPPER

FEBUARY 22, 2014

DEADLINE FOR PRE-RESERVATIONS: FEBUARY 15, 2014
DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM / FOOD SERVED AT 5:30 PM
RESERVE YOUR SEATS EARLY AS WE ONLY ACCEPT THE FIRST 200 REGISTRATIONS
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NAME: _____ Number of adults _____
Chapter: _____ Number of children _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone: _____

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA or co-sponsoring organization or property owner for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by our participation in this event. I/We agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We knowingly damage. I have read and agree with the above. (All members in your party must sign the disclosure statement.)

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